

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended in order to claim priority to Ser. No. 09/113,484, now US 6,320,609 B1, which was originally incorporated by reference. This claim of priority is proper as the present application and the patent to which priority is being claimed were copending and both name at least one common inventor pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.178(a)(1) and the present application was filed prior to November 29, 2000 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.178(a)(2)(ii)(B).

No claims are amended herein. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are still allowable for at least the same reasons as provided in the previous Notice of Allowance.

Consequently, Applicant respectfully request that the present amendment to the specification be entered and that all pending claims be allowed. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 982-8202.

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